

Radio broadcast – 2 minutes

ANNOUNCER:

For those with the talent and interest in helping students learn to meet the demands of our nation's number one industry, consider yourself Tagged to Teach Ag. Earning a degree in agricultural education means graduating prepared to teach and communicate on behalf of the agricultural industry. Graduates are highly sought after for careers in teaching, extension, agricultural lending, government, and business and industry, and Kansas State University's Department of Communications and Agricultural Education reports a job placement rate of nearly 100 percent.

Currently there is a national shortage of agricultural educators, including in Kansas. The state's agricultural education industry opened seven new programs last year. That positive factor, among others, causes the demand for educators to increase much more quickly than the state's graduation rate. Therefore, there are opportunities to teach agriculture in rural areas, small towns, and urban and suburban areas. Agricultural educators have a special role in student's education, encouraging them to apply what they know in English, math and science in areas that interest them, which might include agriscience, animal science, horticulture, agricultural mechanics environmental science, and more.

Agricultural educators come from all backgrounds and experiences, but have one quality in common: a desire to teach others about agriculture. Consider earning a degree in agricultural education, and look in your own community for someone with a passion for agriculture and education and tag them to teach ag.

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QUESTIONS:

What is your personal experience in agricultural education?

What is the total number of agricultural education programs in Kansas?

On average, how many of those programs have job openings each year?

What types of courses to agricultural education majors take in their curriculum?

Do agricultural education majors also experience some type of on-the-job training before they actually begin teaching?